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SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: AMERICAN PRISONER HUNGER STRIKE

REF: MAZATLAN'S 369 AND PREVIOUS

1. DR. FRANCISCO NUNEZ CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (SECRETARIA DE GOBERNACION), VISITED THE MAZATLAN PRISON ON SEPTEMBER 6 TO OBSERVE THE DEGREE OF UNREST AMONG THE AMERICAN PRISONERS AND TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED HUNGER STRIKE WITH THEM.

2. ACCORDING TO ALL REPORTS, PRISONERS INFORMED DR. NUNEZ CHAVEZ THAT PROTEST NOT DIRECTED AGAINST PRISON ADMINISTRATION BUT TO PRESSURE AUTHORITIES INTO MAKING PROPOSED PRISONER EXCHANGE REALITY.

3. DR. NUNEZ CHAVEZ CAUTIONED AMERICAN PRISONERS THAT SUCH PROTEST WOULD NOT BENEFIT THEM. HE ADVISED THAT GOM HAD ALREADY PLACED BILLS PERMITTING PRISONER EXCHANGE AND PAROLE ON NARCOTICS RELATED CHARGES FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS BEFORE THE CONGRESS. HE ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED BILLS TO BE PASSED WITHIN THREE WEEKS. BILLS WOULD THEN BE PUBLISHED IN DIARIO OFICIAL TO BECOME LAW THIRTY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION.

4. AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO SPOKE TO DR. NUNEZ CHAVEZ SAID HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT PAROLE WOULD BE BASED ON 3/5 OF THE
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REMAINING 2/3 OF A SENTENCE AFTER WORK/GOOD BEHAVIOR CREDIT HAD BEEN ALLOWED. ONE PRISONER ESTIMATED THAT A 5 YEAR, FOUR MONTH SENTENCE, COULD BE SERVED IN 27 MONTHS.

5. CONSUL WOULD BE INTERESTED FEEDBACK FROM EMBASSY RE DR. NUNEZ CHAVEZ' VISIT TO MAZATLAN AND HIS STATEMENTS.

6. COMMENT: ONE PRISONER INFORMED CONSUL THAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARTER HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO THE 1732 GROUP RE RESOLUTION OF PRISONER EXCHANGE.
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